

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, National Guard and Reserve forces comprise nearly half of our nation's military strength, and are essential to America's national security. Reserve Component forces stand ready to answer the call to serve, whether serving alongside active duty counterparts all across the globe or responding to humanitarian crises at home and abroad; and,

Whereas, Employers provide critical support to members of the National Guard and Reserve by allowing Citizen Warriors to serve whenever the nation calls, often foregoing financial gain and making sacrifices in the process; and,

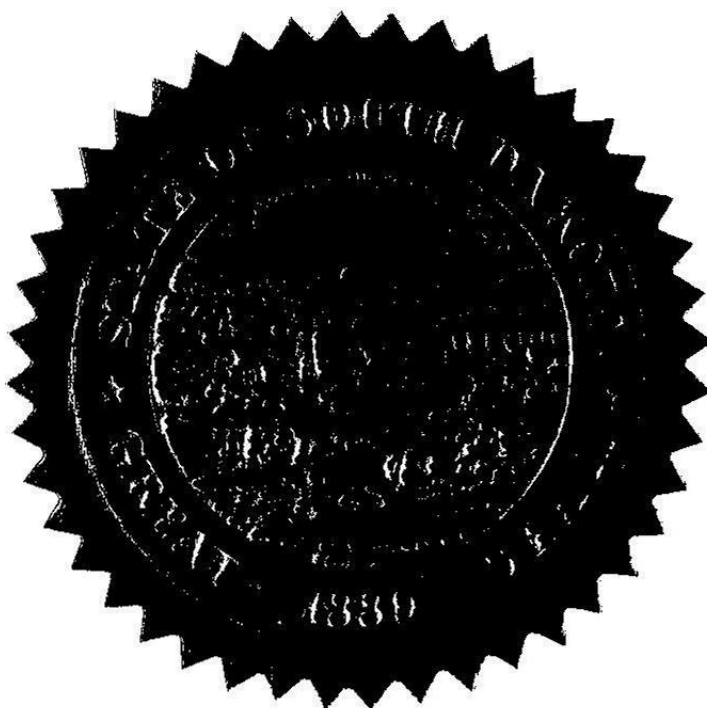
Whereas, Employer support is stronger than ever, more than 41 years after President Richard Nixon authorized the Secretary of Defense to establish the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; and,

Whereas, Our nation is in debt to the Citizen Warriors departing the comforts of home to ensure our freedoms remain intact. America pays special tribute to the commitment of dedicated and supportive employers who continue to make service in the Reserve Components possible:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 22-28, 2013, as

EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD & RESERVE WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K. Miller Deputy
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State